



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

COMSECY-05-0025

REQUEST REPLY BY: 7/26

July 12, 2005

Approve with comments.

Nils J. Diaz 7/18/05

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Diaz
Commissioner Merrifield
Commissioner Jaczko
Commissioner Lyons

FROM: Luis A. Reyes
Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF FULL-POWER OPERATING LICENSE FOR
ARKANSAS NUCLEAR ONE, UNIT 2

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The staff currently informs the Commission of license renewals via memoranda and the EDO Daily Notes. In the interest of efficiency, the staff proposes to discontinue issuing memoranda and to utilize the EDO Daily Notes as the vehicle for informing the Commission of the issuance of renewed operating licenses.

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Chairman Diaz's Comments on COMSECY-05-0025

I approve the staff's proposal in COMSECY-05-0025, "Renewal of Full-Power Operating License for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 2," to discontinue issuing memoranda and instead utilize EDO Daily Notes as the vehicle for informing the Commission of the issuance of renewed operating licenses. However, I also recommend that the staff provide written notice, to the Commission or Commission offices, at least three days in advance of the intended issuance of a renewed operating license.

The staff should also continue to keep the Commission offices fully and currently informed of significant issues in the area of license renewal, subject to separation of functions rules when applicable. The staff should continue to decide the appropriate vehicle for such communications on a case-by-case basis.

I believe the staff has done a commendable job of keeping the Commission offices informed of license renewal issues through various communications means. Two recent examples include the issues the staff encountered during the reviews of the license renewal applications for Nine Mile Point Units 1 and 2 and Beaver Valley Units 1 and 2.

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I disapprove the request of the staff to use the EOO notes as the method to inform the Commission of the issuance of a license renewal. See attached comments.

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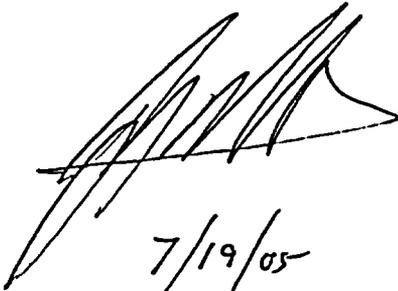
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Commissioner Merrifield's Comments on COMSECY-05-0025

I disapprove of the staff's request. Currently, both the memorandum and the EDO Daily Notes inform the Commission of nuclear power plant license renewals after they have occurred. This does not meet my expectation of fully and currently informed. In my view, it would be more beneficial to be informed by memorandum at least three days prior to the issuance of the license renewal action.



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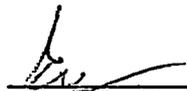
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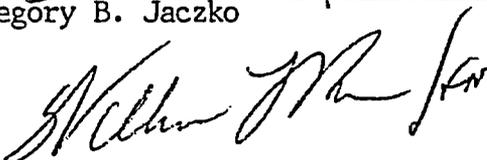
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Disapprove. I concur with the comments of Commissioner Merrifield.

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Gregory B. Jaczko 7/22/05 Date

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Josephine M. Piccone 4/14/05
for Peter B. Lyons Date
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